26 x half hour
detective comedy series
for 6-9 year olds
Lexi & Lottie
Trusty Twin Detectives
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Sample Episodes

ART FOR ART'S SAKE
Camilla the gorilla who lives at the Animal Park loves to paint and her bright and colourful canvases are displayed outside her enclosure. When someone steals her paintings, Camilla refuses to eat. The Twin Detectives and Fred soon find the art works for sale in a local gallery, but can't prove they were painted by Camilla the gorilla. So, with Camilla's well-being in mind, the twins take extreme action and use their identical appearances to trick a security guard while Fred reclaims the art.

PANDAMONIUM
Lexi and Lottie, wearing panda costumes, try to earn money for a new panda enclosure by busking in town. At the same time, two crims also wearing panda costumes as disguises - are robbing a bank. The police chase Lexi and Lottie thinking they are the criminals and in the confusion, not only do the bags of money get switched but Lexi ends up with one of the criminal pandas, while Lottie ends up with the other.

FOWL PLAY
It's the day of the school Science Fair and Lexi has a winner of a project. But when she overhears a plot to rob the school canteen, she gets locked in a stationery storeroom and can't investigate the crime or show her science project! Can Lottie, Fred and Grandpa find Lexi, solve the robbery, find the missing chook Miss Fluffy Pants and cover the Science Fair for the school website before the Fair is finished?

DOUBLE TROUBLE
Fed up with constantly being mistaken for each other and being referred to as 'the twins', Lexi and Lottie decide to change their appearances and stop working as a duo. They take on their first cases as solo detectives when two kids' pets go missing, but without each other to rely on, vital clues get overlooked!

ALIENS IN APPLETON
When strange phenomena appear around Appleton - such as crop circles in the snow, flashing lights in the sky and sightings of little green men - Lexi has a hunch there may be alien visitors in Appleton. But Lottie is convinced they're man-made - and linked to a planned robbery of a jewellery store.

SPIKE THE HEDGEHOG
The Animal Park is raising funds to build a wildlife crossing tunnel for hedgehogs and other wildlife to safely cross the road out of Appleton, by selling cute plush toys of the wildlife. They are also rearing the baby animals orphaned by car incidents. When the twin detectives discover lots of their plush toys are suddenly being returned broken, they waste no time in investigating.

SAVANNAH THE ELEPHANT
Lexi and Lottie investigate when Savannah, the Animal Park's usually docile elephant begins vandalising her enclosure and making low, rumbling sounds. The 'trusty twin detectives' and Fred soon discover Savannah is pining for her twin who is performing in a travelling circus in a nearby town.

THE APPLETON CAT BURGLAR
The twin detectives investigate a series of thefts from the Animal Park that lead them to a cat burglar of the feline kind. This leads them to solve a series of real cat burglaries in Appleton homes.

ART ATTACK
The twin detectives are befuddled by a very arty attack on the Animal Park animals who are painted to look like different creatures. These art attacks continue across Appleton, and all leads turn out to be false. But a fake story published in the Appleton Telegraph flushes out the perps.

THINGS THAT GO SCREECH IN THE NIGHT
While Lexi and Lottie's science class is on an overnight excursion in Witchwood Forest, a number of wild bird eggs are stolen. The twin detectives investigate but when they run out of suspects, they start to question if the legendary ghost of Witchwood Forest is to blame!

Can you be in two places at one time?

Lexi & Lottie

Only if you are identical twin sisters!

Lexi

Lottie

Mozart

Fred

Being identical twins is an asset for 12–year–olds Lexi and Lottie, especially when it comes to unraveling mysteries in their country town of Appleton and its Animal Park. Everyone knows two heads are better than one! Add a little twin telepathy to the mix, a pet mouse with a nose for clues, and a good humoured friend called Fred... and you have a dynamic crime solving combination that leaves local criminals scratching their heads... how can these kids out–smart them?

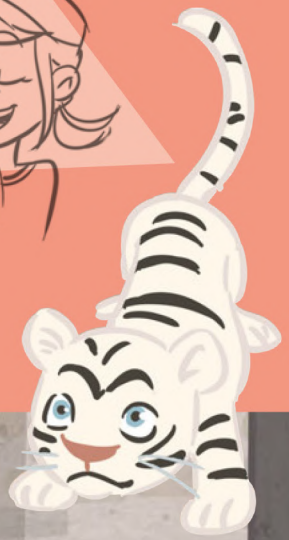
From missing pets to diamond theft… from suspected poisoning to big time heists, from cat burglars to illegal fur traders, from art theft to graffiti… these kids catch the criminals using all the tools detectives have, plus identical twin fun.

Our trusty twin detectives and 'almost' ace journalist Fred, crack every crime, big or small, animal or person that comes their way.

The Twins

Lexi and Lottie may be identical in looks but they couldn't be more different when it comes to their detective style. They are as different as popcorn and peas... but two detective styles is much better than one as some cases take 'out of the box thinking' to crack and others take focus on details.

What these twin sisters share is a dislike of crime and injustice of any kind and a love of animals.



Twin Telepathy

A little twin telepathy doesn't go astray when working a case, and a bit of identity swapping can help trick villains and provide themselves with alibis.

Lexi has little time for old-school detective methods, she is IT savvy and carries a smart phone with her at all times – except when she forgets it – because always being in a rush has its down side.

While Lottie's detective style is old-school, so are her detective tools, which include finger print dust, a magnifying glass and a voice recorder... but her best tools are her eye for detail and logic.

Lexi

Lottie

The Animal Park

Lexi and Lottie's world of crime revolves around the country town of Appleton and the Animal Park which their parents run, and where Lexi and Lottie live. It specializes in the care of animals who cannot survive in the wild, such as orphaned tiger cubs, a gorilla who has been raised by a scientist, or an old elephant with a limp.

It also plays an important role in breeding endangered species. It's a lively place with no shortage of strange goings-on, be it a gorilla who paints, a musical bird or a python who creates havoc at the Appleton Town Fair. There are dozens of 'dodgy doings' that go on under their noses at school, and there's often something to investigate posted on the Appleton community notice board.

Picasso

Lottie

Lexi

Fred

Lexi, Lottie and Fred juggle their detective work around school commitments, their hobbies and their chores at the Animal Park or deadlines for the paper. They may be feeding new tiger cubs while muddling over the mystifying facts of a case, or cleaning out the elephant enclosure when a solution pops into their minds.

Mozart

LEXI is a people person... popular, fashionable, bubbly, friendly and fun. Some would say 'OTT'. She gets strong hunches about suspects and she's often heard to say 'Hunch alert. Let's go' and is running off to swoop on a suspect before there's any evidence at all.

Lexi has been known to accuse a student in a hoodie of being a missing chimpanzee... and arrest suspects, forgetting that she's not actually the Police. While Lexi is slap-dash and not always as clever as she might think, she's quick to admit when she's wrong. Then she's onto the next plan, which might just be combing through the evidence with Lottie... but not if she can avoid it.

LOTTIE, on the other hand, is practical, down to earth and old-school in both her personality and her detective work. But when this determined young lady has her evidence in place, there is no detective more hard-nosed or logical.

Her sisters slap-dash methods worry her, and even though she knows that Lexi's hare-brained schemes can bring results, she'll remain in doubt until every single piece of evidence is in place.

Lottie hates being described as 'too serious', because there's nobody who laughs harder at Fred's one-liners than Lottie, who has been known to snort when she giggles and even spray food. Ew!

Fred

A budding journalist and key member of the detective team, FRED works on the school newspaper so is always up on local Appleton news. He uses the paper to run stories that 'smoke out' nervous criminals and set up elaborate stings. Whilst it's a detective's job to find the truth, it's a journalists job to report the truth.

Fred is a valuable asset to Lexi and Lottie. His goofy sense of humour and loveable nature make him a good friend, and whilst they often claim 'two heads are better then one' they all agree that 'three heads are better than two'.

Mozart

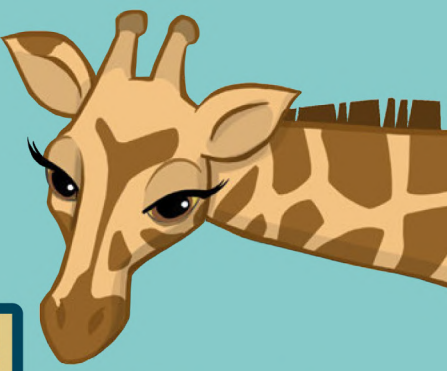
MOZART the mouse is their secret weapon when it comes to fighting crime. Small enough to go undetected, brave beyond his size and clever enough to retrieve a vital piece of evidence, Mozart is an important member of the team.

He is Lexi's pet mouse and goes most places with her, even if uninvited! Mozart doesn't talk but he does understand a lot, and is as detective-minded as the girls. He's a great spy and sniffs out clues, especially the edible kind. In fact, he's been known to eat evidence rather than deliver it.

Grandpa

Lexi and Lottie love their Grandpa lots. That's because he's helped bring them up since they were little. With their parents busy running the Animal Park, the girls have spent many an afternoon with Grandpa. He's fun and wise and is always interested in the latest crime they are busy cracking.

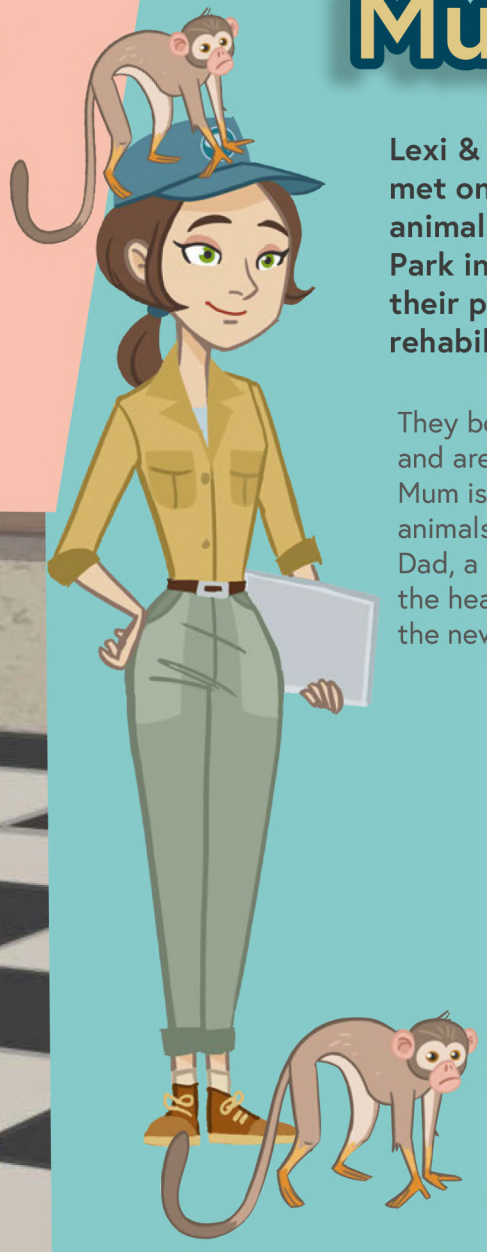
Grandpa used to work at the Animal Park and still volunteers there on a regular basis, and his knowledge of animals has helped crack a case more than once.



Mum & Dad

Lexi & Lottie's Mum and Dad met on safari, they both love animals. They set up the Animal Park in Appleton together, their passion is to protect and rehabilitate their animals.

They both work incredibly hard and are often busy. As a vet, Mum is great at caring for sick animals and baby animals, while Dad, a zoologist, does most of the heavy lifting like preparing the new elephant enclosure.



The Crimes

Missing persons & animals
Identity theft
Art fraud
Sabotage
Vandalism
Stolen pets
Kidnapping
Burglary
Diamond heist
Illegal fur trading
Illegal animal poaching

Lottie

Lexi

The twins have very different styles of detection, Lottie trawls through evidence and Lexi goes more on her hunches – feelings based on intuition rather than fact. These styles are complimentary, and along with their special twin telepathy, help them solve cases of all kinds.

Thanks to ace journalist Fred's research skills, and Mozart's nose for clues, no misdeed is too minor and no animal caper is too crafty for this curious team.

Mozart

Fred

The Suspects

Mr Stitch
This busy stage father has so many jobs to do in the Appleton Amateur Dramatic Society's new pirate musical. The twin detectives and Fred suspect he has stolen the costumes from washing lines across Appleton.

The Golden Eagle
This Golden Eagle, a rare bird living at the Animal Park, is seen behaving suspiciously, when a valuable violin to be played at a concert that night is stolen.

Hettie Heidelberg
Suspects don't come much more colourful than Hettie, street performance artist and yarn bomber, but when the animals at the Park are painted to look like other animals is she responsible for these 'art attacks'?

Augusta Ritchie
Lottie's favourite crime writer for children is in Appleton, but when a pig goes missing, is it possible that Augusta has stolen it to help with her research?

Charlie the Chimp
This mischievous chimp goes missing, but who would think him capable of riding the school bus out of the Animal Park and running amuck at school.

Rosie the Rival Journalist
Rosie seems very relaxed when she realises Fred is her rival for a cover story, but would she stoop so low as to steal a cub to make her story more exciting than Fred's?

Ferdinand the Fur Trader
Folk don't come much more fishy than Ferdinand, chief suspect in the theft of twenty baby ermines, stolen for their fur.

Key Parameters

Title: Lexi and Lottie - Trusty Twin Detectives

Format: 26 x 22'

Genre/Subgenre:
Junior/Animation

Target Audience: 6-9 year olds

Focus: Detective, Comedy, Twin fun, Animals, Crimes, Family, Animal Park.

Logline: The trusty twin detectives are on the case!

USPs

1. Two heads are better than one when it comes to solving crimes
2. Comedic super-sleuth adventures at the animal park
3. Book publishing by Penguin Random House

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